

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 219 entitled “An act relating to the Vermont spaying and neutering
4 program” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all
6 after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 3815(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) ~~The agency of human services~~ Agency of Human Services shall
9 administer a dog, cat, and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program
10 providing reduced-cost spaying and neutering services and presurgical
11 immunization for dogs, cats, and wolf-hybrids owned or cared for by ~~low~~
12 ~~income~~ individuals with low income. The ~~agency~~ Agency shall implement the
13 program through an agreement with a qualified organization ~~consistent with~~
14 ~~the applicable administrative rules, except that the Agency may implement the~~
15 program if the Commissioner determines that there is no qualified organization
16 capable of implementing the program based on review of overall program
17 success, financial resources of the organization, viability of the organization, or
18 the organization’s prior performance in implementing the program.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on passage.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE